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Rec centre renovations planned

Four different proposals look at expanding, removing or adapting existing facilities

STAFF REPORT

Big changes are coming to Conestoga College's rec centre.

At a College Council meeting on Sept. 16, Conestoga Students' Association president Jason Wright talked about four different proposals regarding the centre that focus on renovating the entire building or tearing it down and rebuilding it. They also include the expansion and possible removal of existing facilities.

"The rec centre was built originally for 2,000 students back in 1988 and now we are at over 11,000 students and there are not a lot of free times in the year for students who all just suddenly have," said Paul Dohmen, executive director of marketing, corporate communications, athletics and alumni.

The proposals are still in the discussion stage. Over the next few weeks, meet-



Photo by Scott Sturz

The rec centre is currently a hot topic on college administration and CSI begin renovation discussions between CSI and the college's board of directors will be held to discuss all suggestions. The four proposals were written after CSI conducted a survey of

the student body last year. The proposals were created by Conestoga architecture, project and facility management students using the survey results and were the

student body last year.

Students' Guild proposed an

2015/2016 school year.

"By increasing our facilities we hope that we can have one gym free at all times for drop-in while still

being able to offer enough time for mandatory practice, voluntary practice and recreation," Dohmen said.

Wright said, as an example, "The No. 1 change we want to see is a larger fitness area for the students. As well, we'd like to have a triple gym instead of the current double gym. This would allow us to section off the gym for students to use while our varsity teams have practice or games."

He is currently unclear if an expansion would be included in any renovations, however, if the rec centre was expanded it is a possibility that a sports field would need to be removed in order to create an appropriate site for the building, Dohmen said.

Wright said, "We have some other proposals that are being considered and then we have ones that say to expand the one out a little bit."

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Designer's success inspires Conestoga students

STAFF REPORT

Montreal-based fashion designer Steven Chang started Conestoga College's intense four-year and visual merchandising students on Sept. 15 at the Kitchener Studio Project (KSP) to talk about creativity, culture and the beginning of his career.

Known as a "designer-kid" and designed with intensity on mind, the KSP is a unique series started by Conestoga College in partnership with Christie's Hospital, The University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University and some companies within the greater Kitchener.

A centre for students and professionals, audiences the KSP includes artists, many influencers, creators and professional designers. The building is also equipped for green film and video game production.

Chang is one of Canada's most internationally successful designers. In 2008, he was named to the Order of Canada by Governor General Michaelle Jean for "his contributions to

the fashion industry as well as philanthropy and social engagement," according to a press release on his website introducing him.

Chang gave advice to the audience, which included an international list of students that he believed were engaged and interested in learning in lecture format, as well as how to learn more on their chosen field.

"It is very important for us to highlight these points for you. If I make it easy, A through Z," Chang said. "A, ambition. Do you have the drive, do you have the desire? That is something very important to understand."

Other qualities that Chang listed were balancing in your self and the product, quality vs quantity, giving back and passion, to name a few. But the one quality that Chang felt he could stress enough was being unique.

"Why is ordinary, when you can be extraordinary?" Chang said. "Be the best you can be. Don't be a follower."

Many students left the event



Photo by Scott Sturz

Conestoga College interior design student Marissa Pavao talks to Steven Chang about his presentation on Sept. 22 at the Kitchener Studio Project in Kitchener.

with a greater belief that they've made the right decision with their chosen career, especially Marissa Pavao, a first-year interior design student at Conestoga College.

"He inspired me because I wasn't too sure that that was

what I wanted to do. I just kind of jumped into it and started doing it," Pavao said. "I realized that I did become more interested in that. He made me have more pride and motivation, and I guess that's what I really needed."

"It was very informative [as was Steven Chang] come for a visit," said Marisa Hodges, professor and an organizer of design programs at Conestoga College, in a press release. "The visit inspired all of our creative students."

Now deep thoughts ... with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

What is your favourite horror movie?



"I don't like them."

Jessica Robinson,
4th-year student

"Cabin in the Woods."

Matt Barker,
4th-year communication
and imaging technology



"Resident Evil."

Michael Giesler,
4th-year computer/
design

"I don't like them."

Scott Richard,
computer programming



"The Exorcist."

David Koenig,
computer programming

"I don't like horror films."

Courtney Penner,
interior decorating



Send Conestoga, you could be our next random!

NEWS

It's raining men

Conestoga's Cambridge campus being referred to as an 'all boys school'

BY RANDY HARRIS

There is a lack of ladies at Conestoga College's Cambridge campus, and many male students don't like it.

The believed cause of this issue is "the lack of female dormitory provision," said Barry Thomas, a third-year civil engineering and environmental engineering technology student.

A dozen male students were asked if they have noticed a radical shift in female ratio and all responded with a very strong yes. Third year architecture, construction engineering technology student, Jack Marquis, said, "I've been doing my dorm room and I think there are about eight males. Marquis also stated, "I definitely notice pictures on clothes in the dormitory area because you know there's no one to carry it."

Two students had a different point of view, suggesting that "girls are lazy" - if we had more female students they would probably make up the difference.

a huge downside to being at the campus," he said.

A few students, who referred to the campus as an "all boys school," said that there are some advantages to this. When asked if the lack of ladies improved their studies or the opposite, Bill, a first year environmental engineering technology student, Jack Koenig, said, "It's less distractible. Girls have better social skills." Marquis also stated, "It definitely makes picking out clothes in the morning easier because you know there's no one to carry it."

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more skill" and, "maybe it would make me more interested in getting involved."

"I don't really like the女生的 the way college students act. I feel myself becoming more macho. I have high school and day high, a second year architecture construction engineering technology student."

All the male students interviewed came up with the same solution to the campus issue: "Build more rooms."

Marquis quickly said, "Maybe if they brought in married, the 4000 female boys would be enough to cover the rooms." He also suggested Conestoga students hold a bake sale to raise funds to decide to come there.

Big changes are in the rec centre's future

BY RANDY HARRIS

"We are very open to working with the citizens and making sure that the building will not be used for just one type of stadium, but the college as well as the local towns."

The proposals also include making physiotherapy rooms available to the general student body instead of having it exclusively for the varsity teams. Whether this means a physiotherapist will be on campus for a majority of school hours or just certain days of the week has yet to be determined. It is also unsure whether or not she would be housed within the rec centre or in the wellness centre located on the main building.

"We would also like to see our health and wellness office moved into the rec centre," Wright said. "That way we are promoting a healthier lifestyle for people and allowing them to take care of themselves."

The college is currently exploring all options for the rec centre, including the option of closing facilities.

"With any construction you look at the possibility of just closing and raising buildings," Wright said. "There is also the option to re-purpose a building."

As the College Council meeting members were told last Friday, the completion date has been set for September 2003 and that it is unlikely any one entity



Conestoga's new centre is a multi-purpose facility. Above, a group basketball team uses the historical court while students in the police foundations program use the indoor running track.

can change all of these things. "We will keep the car and gym open. If school stay open as we could facilitate all of our academic classes," Wright said.

Snyder's offers fun and fear

BY TAMRA LURTT

Whether you want a place for fun or for fear this fall, Snyder's Family Farm is the place for you.

The Snyder family has been running the farm for 12 years and determined to make the 2014 season the best one yet. Located only 15 minutes outside the Milwaukee-Wisconsin, Snyder's Family Farm offers family day and night time attractions.

The daytime experience is family-oriented and has many activities to keep visitors entertained for hours. For one instance, for you can explore over 10 different attractions including a corn maze, hayride, go-kart race, haunted house and a bounce castle. They also offer educational shows and puppet shows, which will have the whole family laughing.

Melissa Weisbauer had never been to the farm until the opening weekend in Sept. 20 and 21, but said the variety of activities kept her and her children entertained all afternoon.

"I think we about the whole animal experience, being outside and experiencing the animals, from miles and hay," Weisbauer said.

Once the sun goes down, the atmosphere becomes from family to frightening. Haunted houses for children ages 11 and up, the Fox Farm after three terrifying stories from the engine house, to test their bravery in Death's lair, the condemned school and the haunted Hitler house will have brave racing all paled sweating.

With over 50 staff members per night, the Fox Farm has expanded, and has no one



Uncle Melvin tends a goat at the farm.



The Lusk Family enjoys the country beauty at Snyder's Family Farm on Sept. 22.

time slot, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Melissa Snyder said her

hard work throughout the

past planning and organizing for the last weeks that the

farm is open. It's their goal

to send everyone home with

great memories.

"I think we enjoy the best part about this place is that we care so much about it. We're thinking about people's experiences. For little day and night we go above and beyond to offer the best experience," Snyder said.

Farmapple fixtures made fresh at Anna's Fresh Farmer House, to beat coffee for the season, there are no exciting surprises on produce.

Now that fall has arrived, another great place to stop at is the Snyder's pumpkin patch. The patch features pumpkins in every shape and size. Pumpkins come in all types.

The farm is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, but is available to large groups, corporate events and school tours throughout the week.

For more information on Snyder's Family Farm, including hours, age restrictions and pricing, check out Facebook.



Three-year-old Brynn Kennedy has fun driving a toy-sized tractor through a cornfield.

Everyone a winner at CSI Vegas night

BY COLLEEN REED

Congress College students got a chance to bid 'em off and hit 'em by 21 during Congress Graduate Inc.'s unique comes night on Sept. 18.

The sounds of slot machines beeping, cards being flipped and shuffled and the clinks and clunks of roulette were all part of this exciting night.

"We wanted an something a little bit different, rather than the typical dance party," said Meghan Stiles, program coordinator of CSI.

She added no money was exchanged. Instead, CSI gave

students free entry passes which entitled them to their pick tokens. Each pick token was worth 10 poker chips, and if students lost all their chips CSI would give them one more pick token.

Students could go all in during poker or play a bit smaller at a blackjack table, roulette table or at two slot machines.

Students could cash in their chips for coffee tokens throughout the night. CSI had \$1,000 in prizes which they raffled off at the end of the evening.

CIS pulled out all the stops for the event, with red carpet style poker and blackjack

tables along with easy jets, mini ping pong tables playing. They even hired real dealers to make the night as authentic as possible.

"The dealers we hired, they came from the company Hart Entertainment and they are professional dealers. They also do some explanation of the game if students aren't sure how to play," Reed said.

Haley Olszak, a freshman computer engineering major, said, "I come out with my friends for the first time. I've been playing my first game of blackjack. It's one of my favorite games here."



George Pfeifer, an accounting student at Congres College, tries his luck at a slot machine during Congress Graduate Inc.'s comes night held Sept. 18.

Harper should bluntly answer burning questions

COMMENTARY

When Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party of Canada brought the issue of marijuana legislation forward, it really looked like a gift by an unprepared opposition who was making high an obstructive leadership.

The truth is the opposite. This is a master stroke by Liberal party leadership which has made the prime minister look bad in front of the electorate.

While the prime minister treated the topic as a non-issue, the data shows that public support has grown. In an August 2013 poll of over 1,100 Canadians, Forum Research found that the majority of Canadians agree the country support either legalization or decriminalization of marijuana.

This isn't a strong development and it shouldn't come as a surprise to the prime minister. Since 2006, recent polls have shown that a majority of Canadians are in favour of either legalization or decriminalization.

The resulting reaction from Stephen Harper has made him appear less of a touch. He clearly what the Liberal party wanted.

After deciding at early August to postpone the September session the minority Conservative party government was effectively at the chancery. The prime of the Liberal party's move is that, despite the government's bad efforts, policy remained to be discussed during the summer break.

Initially passing in question about marijuana usage by saying "We know this is a terrible mistake," Harper then claimed that Trudeau's "presenting marijuana as a strong leader." He said his government's focus is on prevention and listed in really address the issue.

More recently, Harper made a joke while addressing an audience in Vancouver where, during the start of our last general election, he said that the John A. Macdonald "shouldn't go to prison." But Harper's decision to publicly compare Macdonald's policies with the marijuana issue looks on a percentage of voters who you recall Macdonald's very popular example with abstention.

Harper's comments continue to show on a rather negative and not concerned with the presenting agenda about marijuana, especially his own party. In that sense, Harper's poll, 50 per cent of Conservative voters were in favour of either legalizing or decriminalizing marijuana.

Regardless of his personal views, the vision of Canada believe this is a social issue that should be discussed in a serious and mature manner. We take the prime minister's stated position seriously.

The name Darren represents the portion of the message that are necessarily the author.

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COMMENTARY



Phone 5s are sold out all over Waterloo Region

Hand sanitizer, friend or foe?

Study finds it contributes to superbugs

You always hear under the impression that hand sanitizers are more porous so you don't have to worry about viruses getting through and these might affect us in other ways but also there are lots of ways that makes us even sicker.

Hand sanitizers seem a solid product in our world, helping decrease the spread of intestinal bacteria and other tiny organisms. The other side of the coin shows that hand sanitizers are also very drying and can have harmful side effects. They also contain various chemicals that are contributing to the creation of superbugs.

At Carleton College students into the fall and winter months colds and flus are going to run rampant. It's going to be crucial to keep your personal hygiene up so that you have too much on your plate to have to try and have a cold at the same time. That is one of three reasons that hand sanitizers are a great contribution to society as they prevent the spread of cold and



Sodeh Shamsayi
Opinion

flu germs. Clean your hands after you touch your desk, keyboard, chair and anything that might be a home for those bad bugs.

However I would like you to think twice before you reach for that gel and use hand sanitizers.

As Carleton College rolls into the fall and winter months colds and flus are going to run rampant. It's going to be crucial to keep your personal hygiene up so that you have too much on your plate to have to try and have a cold at the same time. That is one of three reasons that hand sanitizers are a great contribution to society as they prevent the spread of cold and

that bacteria seem to be able to adapt to most conditions without ever having exposed to them," said Dr. Gerald Berthiaume, the lead author of the study.

Bringing that back to Carleton College, by using hand sanitizers we are putting ourselves at risk of creating resistant bacteria that we will have a hard time fighting off. It may seem like the quicker alternative to washing your hands, but in the long run, I think its worth washing hand sanitizers to prevent future harm.

Be yourself a friend and keep the cookies at bay this school year!

As the germs roll in however and keep the students at bay this school year just keep in mind the method that you use to defeat bacteria, the benefits of hand sanitizers only go so far.

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Living on minimum wage

Base pay lagging behind as cost of living increases effect workers' ability to afford housing and stay out of debt in Waterloo Region

BY LAUREN BELL

This is the second of a three-part series on the cost of living in Waterloo Region.

It appears as though the harder you work, the less you get paid in Waterloo Region. Flipping burgers, brewing coffee and working retail requires little to no skills, and shows the direct relationship of high stress and low pay for minimum wage workers.

A report released in August by the City of Kitchener says base pay for minimum wage workers in Waterloo Region, including Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge and Galt, has gone up over the past year and still provides income that isn't quite up to the minimum wage.

With the recent report calculating a declining standard of living for a large part of the region's population, and an increasing price tag by the promise to take minimum wage, it comes as no surprise that individuals holding multiple jobs have started demanding change.

Since 2010 the general minimum wage in Ontario has been \$10.20 per hour, which is a 25 cent increase from 2009. The general minimum wage applies to most employees, with the exception of self-employed individuals, liquor servers, bartenders, gardeners and students.

The student minimum wage applies to everyone under 18 who works less than 35 hours per week. The Ontario Ministry of Labour increased the student minimum wage from \$7.60 per hour in 2009 to \$9.05 per hour in 2012.

The lower current wage rate may be starting lower than the other expenses — something that resonates greatly over the lifespan of the practice. The lower current rate has increased from \$8.20 in 2008 to \$9.05 per hour in 2012 and can often be heavily supplemented by personal practices.

Regardless of the category a minimum wage follower falls into, the report states these rates per hour are not



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a guarantee guaranteeing a normal or positive standard of living.

The report specifically looks at housing as an indicator of real wages — the minimum affordable housing wage for a two-bedroom apartment in 2012 for the region was \$22.38, which is \$2 more than the current minimum wage of \$19.20. With the average apartment cost for 2012 and month-to-month minimum working to generate that wage, one would need to work a minimum of 65 hours a month just to cover rent.

The report fails to clearly state or estimate that it has been almost three years since the Ministry of Labour last increased wages, despite the fact that each individual's financial output — job, groceries, medical expenses, insurance, heat, hydro, water and sewage — continue to reflect price increases.

The cost of groceries is one of the most obvious examples of inflation — in 2012 the cost of fueling your vehicle was about \$1.10 per litre and has steadily increased to the current average of about \$1.20 per litre. With the rise in fuel prices, other elements of every day life — like the costs associated with purchasing food and goods — have also increased.

With expenditures on the rise and income remaining the same, there is an expectation that debt or accumulation of money is also an emerging trend. The ease and accessibility of borrowing money is becoming a necessary evil in the low-income environment looking to reliance on certain other standard of living in the short term. Unfortunately most people who do choose to borrow become caught in the trap of high interest and unavailability of balance in a changing bank.

In an economy that is still recovering from the 2008 recession, the debt cycle is becoming harsher reality for minimum wage workers who provide for families, and individuals such as students, who

have financial responsibilities such as school or rent.

Students are often marginalised by the idea of a lack of credit, credit cards or loans because they appear to be free money. Financial companies are not sophisticated enough either; these companies are shown up, but students and non-students alike need to be aware that if they choose to supplement their costs with any type of borrowing, the consequences of course your credit rating will stay with you for many years.

With banks offering predatory student packages, credit cards with finance charges ranging from 18.99% to 21.99% (TD Canada Trust to 21.99% at 18.99%, and average interest rates at about 18 per cent for credit with no annual fee), TD Canada Trust, financial institution representatives, Linda Gervais urges borrowers to understand the types of deals they are agreeing to before signing up.

"A lot of institutions offer student line of credit, the debt amounts and variable rates [on] student loans have a lot of options," Gervais said. She added that these past predatory packages typically include a free trial account and bonuses for payments to the credit account and bonuses for payments that students take off of other credit accounts.

While getting into the routine of saving money — something the below youth should be taught at a young age —

"People are not told enough about the value of saving money — consumers are so impulsive, but the everyday things that people deal with when it comes to credit and how you deal with your money — most people don't know,"

There is a reason why many debtors make people in debt. Most people can afford it and are stuck in a dead end job and the mistakes people make are really all they offset for a long time." Gervais said. She added that if the Ministry of Labour decided to have someone else develop living at the high school level, most people would need over having poor credit scores, understanding the importance of savings credit card payments and what it takes truly means long-term.

Beyond poor financial decisions, students like Van Mayen make positive steps to pay for school after being denied OSAP for that school year. "Minimum wage is not a livable wage," Van Mayen said.



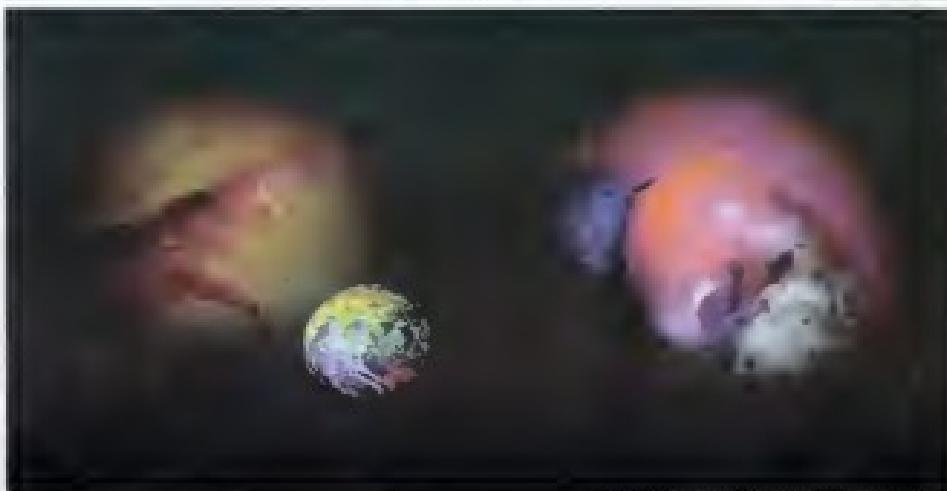
PATRICK MCNAUL FOR THE STAR
Van Mayen is a journalism student at Waterloo University. She is shown making just a little extra from freelance work.

Even those minimum wage workers at the George Street student pub almost \$4,000 for tuition, books, rent, food and other living expenses, there is a clear example of the difficulty in finding balance with a decreasing list of responsibilities.

With protection demanding a minimum wage increase to \$14 per hour many activists are determined to make the demands to make a difference. Local businesses often cannot afford to pay many employees, as part-time staff members are usually the first to be let go while full-time workers adjust in higher wages, fewer employees means longer days for business owners, and ultimately, there would be increased difficulty for currently unemployed individuals who are actively looking for a job.

While most people would love to make more money and the local economy maps the benefits of the initial spending against the Ministry of Labour's need to calculate a figure that is a sufficient compromise, taking into consideration rising living costs, unemployment rates, the poverty line and development trends in the province as a whole.

The 20-year-old is a singer, son of Waterloo and mother



This work of art, which shows Earth and two spheres depicting the life of a platypus, is on display at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery. The exhibit has created by David Hoffer and features three-channel video, audio and mixed media installations.

Shadow of the Platypus

Where illusion and reality converge

By DUSTY MELBLUM

In a quiet, plain dark room, a various marine tableau is set. The display is titled *Shadow of the Platypus*, and with large, glowing spheres and wavy, undulating sounds, it depicts the life of the platypus by way of digital representation, artistic illusion. Although it appears to be just a nature documentary in first, *The Last Minutes: Stage One: Shadow of the Platypus* really has a far greater depth to it, giving us witness the choice to view the unique ways in which our unique ways in unique times, evolution and the ever-changing world that surrounds us.

The exhibition, mounted at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KWA), is certainly not presented in a way that one would expect typical museum exhibits to be presented. David Hoffer, a Concordia University visual arts from London, N.Y., now based various locations, here and off, to create the unique, evocative visual effects in the presentation of *Shadow of the Platypus*.

David uses CBT (computer, video technology and sound) among all of these, and

Cyril Money, the curator at KWA, said, "There are a lot of abandoned concepts that are actually quite good. In this exhibition, we're dealing with more digital forms of media and also augmented technologies that David has developed for this project. With this current generation, in particular, Hoffer uses a strong documentary style, called the 'Pepper's Ghost' effect, in give off a 3D illusion, where, in reality, no 3D is actually used. The techniques have been used for over 200 years, and Hoffer manages to incorporate it with relatively new into the modern technologies of the 21st century."

Shadow of the Platypus is "one chapter in a series of chapters that will saddle over time," Money said. The exhibit is intended to be the first part of *The Last Minutes* series, with an unspecified number of parts planned to succeed it.

"We don't know exactly what they'll be yet, and David may not know exactly what they'll be yet," Money said. "The exhibit will grow to itself."

A work of art that spans multiple pieces is nothing new for Hoffer. In 2003, he launched a project he called

Arrows from the Blue Diamond, a project which ended up taking over one year of work to complete all the while continuing what he would put to use in the years to come. The project, according to Money, "had arrows made of wood, string, feathers and feathers and feathers as well."

While Shadow of the Platypus is already a very visually focused work of art, even more appreciation can come when the art is spoken on an intellectual level.

"The platypus could easily be a stand-in for something else," Money said. "The values of the platypus parallel us in terms of biology, evolution and the consequences of the man-made world, but also by the notion of its relationship to evolution, it relates to us in a much larger capacity of how in which they're important. So we're not talking about a single or multiple theories, but rather talking about billions of sub-themes that happen or don't quite fit evolutionary time."

Hoffer went back to basic to show about evolution and natural history but also end uses of display such as screens and, unanticipated, once



KWA Art Gallery curator Cyril Money stands outside the exhibit, *The Last Minutes: Stage One: Shadow of the Platypus*.

remained where we might learn about creation like the platypus."

The *Last Minutes: Stage One: Shadow of the Platypus* is currently on display at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery until Oct. 5, 2013. Admission is free, but does advance ticket sales. The gallery is located just inside the main doors of the Delta in the Square in downtown Kitchener. The hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. KWA can be contacted by calling 519-885-8860 or visiting their website at www.kwag.ca.

Rain dampens Artist Alley event

BY CAROLYN WILDEHORN

Fliers advertising The Artist Alley of Rogers Waterfront included a bolded "Rain or Shine?" So, despite the downpour on Sept. 27, the event still took place.

It just did not take place in the alley next to the Station Factory, otherwise known as the Waterloo Community Art Centre (WCAC), located at 25 Rogers St. Instead, all 26 artists and vendors set up their work inside the building.

The weather was the first issue vendor owners described as the issue, according to Heather Franklin, the executive director of the WCAC.

"We've had two or three rained out this year. It's very frustrating."

Artist Alley has been held several times over the summer. It took place on every other Friday in August and early and the first Friday of the months late August and September. In addition, there have been three Saturday Artist Alley events, each corresponding

with another event, such as the Jazz Festival or Jolt.

Some of the vendors at the event noticed that the weather caused a drop in attendance from the previous Artist Alley.

"Usually we get all the way down Rogers Street to King Street, and it's a little more spread out and we get a lot more people traffic," said Michaela Kostantinen-Berth, a vendor who has participated in the Artist Alley all summer. "The rain's been a disaster on things, but at least, we're dry."

However, David Lachay, youth coordinator said she didn't really notice a drop in attendance.

"Waterloo Community Art Centre has other events running as well, like Open Days ... and they have the free open photo number system, or a kind of lottery system we're Lachay said.

Franklin said, "We're all going to take a look, but I think we're on about it."

The last Artist Alley of the year will be held Friday, Oct. 3 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Melissa Kostantinen-Berth poses next to one of her framed photos displayed at The Artist Alley of Rogers Waterfront on Sept. 27 at the Waterloo Community Art Centre. Kostantinen-Berth was selling original photography prints during雨y day (Photo credit: Carolyn Wildehorn)

Melissa Kostantinen-Berth's photos were one of her framed photos displayed at The Artist Alley of Rogers Waterfront on Sept. 27 at the Waterloo Community Art Centre. Kostantinen-Berth was selling original photography prints during雨y day (Photo credit: Carolyn Wildehorn)

That's why they call it the blues

BY MARK LARSON



PRESTON MUSIC FESTIVAL co-founder Matt Storch thanks the band Reected June for letting them entertain on Sept. 27. Storch has recently finished a cross-Canada tour. Storch is pictured with one of the singers, Andrius Ruzas.

BY MARK LARSON

The sound of heavy rain hitting the large tent roofs wasn't exactly the sound the organizers of the sixth annual Preston Music Festival were hoping to hear.

Matt and Jillian Storch, the founders of festival, almost six months of planning work over, as heavy rain threatened the event on Sept. 27. There were reduced rates with the electric wires, a small crowd in the morning, and no sunny track spots would be used to load food donations bags for non-profits. For a few hours a planned nothing would go right for the previously successful festival.

"We really can't complain ... this is the first year we have had rain. Every time we always just say, 'It won't rain,'" Jillian said.

The festival started off on point, with the Business Improvement Association approached the Storchs, who at the time owned a small restaurant in downtown Preston, asking if they would be interested in helping organize an outdoor garage festival. From the small beginning when they asked friends to donate items and money, the word got around, so having more than 100 local sponsors. The festival itself costs around \$25,000 to

PRESTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

An IBC, we had to knock on a lot of doors to get sponsors, but this year TD bank actually came to us. That's a huge opportunity," Matt said.

The event features local talent, performing one-hour long sets from noon until 11 at night. Every band that played the year ago got paid. Thanks in large part to the success sponsors. The festival had 11 performances facilitated by Bill Davis, the social writer of the Blues Underground, for their blue album. There was an extensive press, however, it was recommended that sponsors bring either a radio station or a newscastable lead item to help the Cambridge Food Bank.

"We always had the Cambridge Food Bank as our charity, so usually raise between \$50,000 pounds," said Matt.

The Cambridge Food Bank wasn't the only charity at the event. Ken Canada was in charge of the food and beverage booth, with proceeds going to youth labour programs. Ken Krombach, representing the Cambridge branch of Ken Canada, and there were helping to load break even for the event. In previous past they served between 800-900 people.

"This event is so weather dependent, so we were hoping

it would cover costs and people start coming out. In today we're right by the limit," Matt said.

As the weather finally started to clear people decided not to leave in the evening sets. Around 2,000 people attended the event over 12 hours and mostly cashed.

Cambridge city councilman Matt Storch, Storch and event his this could happen more often. "Events like this bring the community together as humans to see people enjoying themselves and talk to their neighbours."

After the last song was played and the final tent taken apart, the organizers looked back on what went right and what they could improve on the next year's festival.

"Definitely knowing how to deal with the weather being more prepared for any weather that day, would help," Matt said.

The success of the festival is ultimately measured by how much food is raised for the food bank. This year was a disappointment, with less than 100 pounds donated.

"We're something we need to work on for future," Matt said.

The Preston Music Festival is held the third week of September every year in the downtown core of Preston United Park.

Hanging out around Conestoga

BY BRADON KERKELA

Are you new to Conestoga College, a returning student, still trying to find the perfect spot to hang out before class, or just looking for a new environment apart from relatives, friends and tasks in the college experience? Look no further. Spuds has the latest and greatest hang-ups around the school.

The first spot Conestoga offers is truly the heart of the school. It can be seen from the Tim Hortons line, CBL and every other walkway from the bus. It is the student-style seating area located on the first floor of the A wing. Because of its carpeted seating, projector, the colourful mural painted on the wall, and as the location where most student meetings are held, that truly is the place for any first-year student to visit.

Why relax on the bus station? Anne Brack, a first-year early childhood education student, said, "I've been coming here since the first day of school with my friends. It has a nice atmosphere and it's quiet."

A second spot at the college is Conestoga Student Inc.'s Sanctuary, located on the second floor in the A-wing.

The Sanctuary is a casual place where students meet and food comes. The entertainment comes from the large stage where the drama play scenes, perform stand-up comedy and watch movies. The food comes from the little eateries within the Sanctuary. The only cold pizza from Pizza Pizza, home-made burgers, wraps, salads and enough coffee to keep students awake for their next class.

Now let's visit the Sanctuary? Laura Mason, a first-year business and health promotion student, said, "I like that it is cool, it keeps the temperature. Though, it really has everything from food to entertainment and they even sell alcohol on Tuesdays and Thursdays."

The third spot to visit is Spuds, a fast-food place that every student and parent should know about. It's called the Den and is located just above the Sanctuary. The Den is every student's dream, and is a place where playing video games during school hours isn't only accepted, but encouraged. The Den contains many gaming systems for students alone. Ms. and the Masters Mr. Don't like these systems? Don't worry, bring your own from home!



PHOTO BY BRADON KERKELA
Students in the student seating area, known as the Sanctuary, and later in the college experience.

unlocked inside the Den, leather sofa, flat screen television and Conestoga's fastest Internet connection can be found.

Still wondering why you would visit the Den? Jacob Scheppe, a robotics and space foundations student said, "It's a game. I need the background noise and the

Den has that. It just has that boisterous feel to it so well. Me and my friends come here all the time. I think first-year students should come here because you never people get the pulse of the school till there is a place that gives an atmosphere of the Sanctuary so you know what's going on."

One more spot Conestoga offers really is the place to relax. The computer lab is located in the B-wing and, contrary to popular belief, it is not just for returning students. So don't be afraid to pay the extra bills and sit down on the most comfortable couches Conestoga has to offer.



PHOTO BY BRADON KERKELA
Above, on Conestoga students wait for their next class, they take a break and eat, relax, hang out and catch up with friends in the Sanctuary. Left, students can play video games, watch television or simply just come and enjoy the comfy chairs in the Den.

Conestoga gets active

Sports, fitness and fun, all under one roof

BY KAREN STAMPER

Close your books, shut your laptop, and put away your telephone, it's time for you to get active.

The Conestoga College recreation centre, located at the Paris campus, offers students a wide variety of exciting activities, not only providing them with an excellent opportunity to engage the physical (sometimes 100+ feet), also with a great way to hang out with their friends during the busy school year.

"Physical exercise acts as a natural stress reliever for students while dealing with the pressures of school work," said Pauline Pichotin, admissions activities co-coordinator of the recreation centre.

Most of the activities available to students are free of charge, with the only requirement being that you hand in a valid student card to the front desk staff.

The recreation centre is open every day to anyone who wants to go there, however, the fitness centre, which is visited by the most students, is open every day of the week.

"I usually go there five or six times a week and use the weight room. They have everything I need," said Jordan Beyer, a first year practical nursing student of the college.

Other popular activities include, but are not limited to, dodge basketball and badminton, ping pong, ultimate



PHOTO BY KAREN STAMPER

bocce, frisbee, ultimate, street hockey, pool, pilates, and dance classes.

Interval sports such as badminton, racquetball, volleyball, no broken and dodgeball are also offered to students, although they require a team to be put together and submitted before a deadline date, as well as a team hand in card. Interval sports

involves students兼任 the ball and the net during an epic ping pong match against themselves.

Jake Chapman, an Conestoga College Sport Services offers a wide variety of activities for students who sign up and will be put in teams.

"We have had an increase in students requesting for all our fall extramural programs, which is great to see," Chapman said.

Although many students are new to the college, many programs, and activities are made possible because

of the word to mouth of others," said Matthew King, a second year business student in his fourth year.

For more information on the various up coming extramural programs, drop by, visit the website at www.conestoga.ca/extrams, or call their information helpline at 519-885-2222.

Department promotes accessibility

BY KAREN STAMPER

A whole new name means a whole new look for Conestoga College's Accessibility Services. Formerly called Disability Services, it will adopt the same accessibility name to students, but with a much more inclusive title. Charles Matjancic, an employee advisor at Accessibility Services, said the overall response from students and faculty has been extremely positive.

"A lot of students, and a lot of faculty, feel that it seems like a negative connotation to be called Disability Services," Matjancic said. "Accessibility Services is a much more positive and welcoming

name, and that's what we want."

Matjancic also said much of the stigma around physical and learning disabilities not only comes from assumptions made by others, but the low self-esteem one has as born with an disability.

"These challenges for each and every one of us, it's just how we deal with them that differentiates us from the other person."

That being said, Accessibility Services not only accommodates individual learning difficulties, but the individual as well.

"Those things that individuals need to have, in terms of counseling support and adaptive technology or other strategies where an access problem might be reported because of documented documentation need, we would try to provide those to the student based on individual need. The key there is there is going to be, what are the student's specific access related needs

these needs are, and how can we address them," Matjancic said. "We are prioritizing the service to the student's needs."

There are also facilities for all students that have elected from Accessibility Services. The Learning Commons located on the second floor of the A-wing, is available to all students who can either make an appointment or drop-in. Additionally, learning programs for non-students are available, such as Discovery Day, which allows prospective students and their families to learn what opportunities may be available for them as a student with a disability or not.

Also available at the PASS program – or Post Secondary Accommodation Support Services – is funds allocated for full-time students to experience college life before the semester begins. Besides a similar service available to students with disabilities that provides student rates were rates than with any costs they may have.

Ultimately, Accessibility Services aims to treat all students at the college as though they are just like everyone else – because they are. "What we try to help them to see is how they can be good, disadvantaged students here in the college, regardless of what conditions they might be presented with," Matjancic said.

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the service to the student's needs??

– Charles Matjancic

"The way they feel about themselves can be helped by the way others treat them," he said. "There are going to be specific areas related to what

they are doing, but I think that the best thing we can do is to make them feel good about themselves."

College bookstore gets fresh

By NATHAN KRAPEK

Students were not the only ones to start the school year off with a new look — Conestoga College's Bookstore also showed off a change.

Returning students who arrived to pick up supplies were surprised to see a much larger store, a decision that, according to the Bookstore's manager of three years, Diane Hartman, has been a long time coming.

"From day one I had the place laid out in February and preparations started in May and they took off almost the rest of August," Hartman said.

He said the major issue at first with expanding the Bookstore was finding the space to do so.

"There was no space, it wasn't a new build," said Hartman. "So it was about moving the print shop — we had to secure space for them, get them moved and then create the space for us."

It only concerned with area designs and layouts for them to be in negotiations on people have to get used to whatever is new, she according to Conestoga College, the kind of processes and results,

everyone has adjusted quickly and the new design is offering a lot of new opportunities for the Bookstore.

"The great thing is we can move things around, we can kind of accommodate any different needs," Conestoga said. "Like, we have the space now to move to new product areas or to product leaving the store. So we're always shifting things around to keep it interesting and keep it fresh."

Megan Stora, a Bio-101 preceptor group design student who remembers the old bookstore layout from her time in design foundations, said she actually didn't give much thought to the new layout while she was picking up the supplies for her program.

It was only upon a second visit that the change really got her attention.

"I can tell how it's expanded — makes it look better," Stora said. However, she also said that she was unaware about the store's decision to devote an entire section to clothing. "Gonna have to put it somewhere though."

According to Hartman, this decision came as part of the fact that the Bookstore has become more than just a place



Vi Friend, an employee at Conestoga College's Bookstore, hangs up tags in the new section of the store at Conestoga College's Dorn campus.

to buy books for class. It is a one-stop shop for everything you may need as a student.

"We look at it as, you know, if you think you need it there,

we now have the ability to probably carry it in the year which we wouldn't before," Hartman said.

If you haven't had a

chance to check out the new Bookstore, its hours of operation are Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

HAVING A SWINGING GOOD TIME



PHOTO BY TAYLOR WOODWARD

Lily Kusko enjoys the first day of fall at Riverside Park in Cambridge.



PITA PIT'S "PLAY OF THE GAME"



Pita Pit located at 6881 Fairway Rd. St. in Kitchener always promotes healthy eating. In conjunction with this, they are supporting Conestoga's variety program by awarding Plays of the Game to athletes who performed exceptionally well in recent games. Each winner receives a free pit of their choice. The most recent winners are:

Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Sept. 19	Football	Sept. 20	Markus Attey	October Open-air Ball Game
Sept. 19	Football	Sept. 20	Politics, Accounting	Beach of the Week
Sept. 20	Men's Soccer	Sept. 20	Business Admin	Beach of the Week
Sept. 20	Women's Soccer	Sept. 20	Business Admin	Beach of the Week
Sept. 21	Football	Sept. 21	Business Admin	Beach of the Week
Sept. 21	Men's Soccer	Sept. 21	Business Admin	Beach of the Week
Sept. 21	Women's Soccer	Sept. 21	Business Admin	Beach of the Week
Sept. 22	Men's Rugby	Sept. 22	Business Admin	Beach of the Week
Sept. 22	Women's Soccer	Sept. 22	Business Admin	Beach of the Week
Sept. 23	Conestoga Rowing	Sept. 23	Business Admin	Conestoga Cup of the Game
Sept. 23	Women's Rugby	Sept. 23	Business Admin	Conestoga Cup of the Game
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PHOTO BY KAREN LARSEN

Riverside year-old Jeremy Barker attempts an air mid-jump on a ramp Saturday afternoon at the Riverside Skate Park in Cambridge. Although Barker has an safety equipment and pads officials strongly recommended wearing them as the park is not supervised.